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The British Apollo:

OR,

Curious Amuſements for the INGENIOUS.

To which are Added the moſt

Material Occurrences Foreign and Domeſtick.

Perform'd by ſome of the Society of GENTLEMEN, *Concern'd in the Firſt and Second* VOLUME, *with the Aſſiſtance of other Ingenious* PERSONS.

From **Monday** September 11th. to **Wedneſday** September 13th. 1710.

APOLLO,

Q. YOUR *Explanation is deſired of a Paſſage in* Jonah, *the* 2d. Ch. Ver. 6 *Where are theſe Words,* The Earth with her Bars was about me for ever.

Yours, E. C.

A. The meaning is, I am in the Sea as in a Strong Prison; ſhut up and Barred from the Earth on all Sides for ever, unleſs thou Miraculouſly Relieveſt me.

Q. Gentlemen, *A Controverſy happening amongſt ſome Perſons that have ſo great an Eſteem of your Judgment that no other Determination will have the like weight.*

You are therefore Humbly deſired to Inſert your Opinions whether the Perſon whom the Witch of Endor *(at the Requeſt of King* Saul) *Raiſed up, was that Holy Prophet* Samuel, *as ſeems to be Obviated in the* 28th Chap. *of the* 1 Samuel, *and you will Exceedingly Oblige,* *Yours,* W. B.

A. None can either with Prudence or Piety admit, that the Real Soul, eſpecially of a Holy Perſon, is Subject to the Power of Magical Charms. But in Anſwer to this ſome are of Opinion, that the Real *Samuel* was Raiſed, but not by the Force of Necromancy, but by the Will of God. And that too before the Witch had uſed her Wicked Rites. This (beſides many other Arguments and Authorities from the Ancient Fathers) they prove from the Fear and Surprize of the Woman, who cry'd out with Aſtoniſhment at the Novelty and Miraculouſneſs of the Thing, becauſe ſhe ſaw *Samuel* appear before he was called, by which ſhe is ſuppoſed to have underſtood that he came by the Command of God, and not by her Charms. They ſay therfore, that God prevented the uſual Operations of the Devil, and ſo *Samuel* was made to appear by a Divine Virtue and Command. For thus *Balaam* being about to Exerciſe his Diabolical Art of Divination, 'twas God and not the Devil that filled his Mouth. To this we Anſwer, that God cou'd do this we make no Doubt, but that he did do it in this Caſe we do not Read. And we ought not to Aſſert an Interpoſition of the Divine Will, even in Things that exceed the Power of Nature, without expreſs mention made of it in Scripture, which there is not in the preſent Caſe. Beſides had *Samuel* truly appear'd, he wou'd certainly have reproved *Saul* for Conſulting a Witch, inſtead of the God of *Iſrael*. But this feign'd *Samuel* Flatters him in his Deluſion, and Confeſſes the Power of the Incantation, in ſaying, *why haſt thou Diſquieted me, to bring me up?* As if it were in the Power of the Devil to diſturb the Souls of Saints! It is therefore our Opinion, that this Apparition was a Diabolical Spectre or Propheſying Spirit under the Form of *Samuel*. Which ſeems to be acknowledged by the Woman, when ſhe ſays, *I ſaw Gods Aſcend out of the Earth.* So calling the Infernal Spirits which accompanied the Spirit that put on *Samuel*'s Shape. The Probability of our Opinion appears farther from conſidering, that when God wou'd neither Anſwer by Prophets nor Prieſts nor Dreams, it is Incredible that he wou'd Anſwer him by the Dead, the Conſulting of which was forbid by the Law of *Moſes*. Since then the Will of God was not concern'd in this Matter, and if it muſt needs be the true *Samuel* that appear'd, it remains that he either came of his own Accord, or by Conſtraint; to aſſert either of which is a manifeſt Abſurdity.

Q. Kind Gentlemen, *Peruſing lately your Papers, of which I am a great Admirer, I found a Caſe of* Marriage againſt Contract, *Propoſed by one of my Sex, and by you ſo well Anſwered, that I cannot but return you my Hearty Thanks for the Light you therein gave me as well as the Querift. For my Unhappy Amours lay in an exact Parallel with hers, as far as ſhe has Unboſom'd her ſelf. And your Favor to her and the like Diſtreſſed Maids, gives me hopes you will Pardon me, if I advance yet a ſtep farther in Inquiry and Importune your Impartial Reply thereto. My Queſtion*

is this, Whether, if a Perſon, on my Inſtigation ſhould Contract himſelf with me, ſo far as to appoint a Day of Marriage and (being Cloy'd perhaps by ſuch my Fondneſs and deſiring the Embraces of a more Coy Wife) ſhou'd not only leave me but after a long Silence take any Trivial Occaſion to fall out with me and ſend me a Releaſe by way of Bill of Divorcement, and I ſhould (as I did) return him my Aſſurance of never Diſturbing his Reſt more with the ſlighted Tender of thoſe my Affections which yet would laſt till Death. Whether I ſay, this can be Conſtrued a Mutual Diſſenting and Mutual Receding from our Mutual Contract. Is he free? For fear of its not being ſo, and to avoid all Scruples of Conſcience afterwards, when 'tis too late, I have kept my ſelf Single for ſome time paſt and ſhall do ſo much longer, unleſs you ſhall Convince me of the entire Lawfulneſs of entring into another State of Life, both as to his part, as well as to my own. Your great Civility in Condeſcending to this my deſire, may not I hope be of Diſſervice to your Undertaking, but perhaps be Inſtructive to many Others, and I am ſure will always be gratefully acknowledg'd,

By your Humble Admirer,

CONSTANTIA.

A. If the Words cited by this Lady, are the very ſame, or the ſame only in Effect with thoſe which ſhe returned in Anſwer to the Gentleman's Bill of Divorce, we cannot ſee how they can be Conſtrued to have the Effect of an Acquittance on her part. Tho' the Gentleman has given her the Liberty to Diſpoſe of herſelf as ſhe thinks fit, yet neither does that nor the Force of her Anſwer free him from his Engagement to her till ſhe is either Contracted to ſome other, or has granted him his Liberty in Terms more effectual. On the contrary, if ſhe can think it either for her Intereſt or Happineſs to Oblige a Perſon to Marry her, whoſe Affection ſhe is ſenſible ſhe has already loſt, ſhe has the Power in her Hands to do it. For it is a Clauſe in the Statute of 2 and 3 *Edw.* VI. *Cap.* 23. That when any Cauſe or Contract of Marriage (which a Mutual Conſent of the Parties muſt be allowed to be) is pretended to have been made, it ſhall be Lawful to the Kings Eccleſiaſtical Judge of that Place, to Hear and Examin the ſaid Cauſe: And (having the ſaid Contract ſufficiently and Lawfully proved before him) to give Sentence for Matrimony, commanding Solemnization, Cohabitation, Conſummation and Tractation, as becometh Man and Wife to have, with Inflicting all ſuch Pains upon the Diſobedients and Diſturbers thereof, as are by the Eccleſiaſtical Laws appointed for the ſame. This we thought fit to Inſert, to ſhew of what Force the Conſent of Parties is in Order to Marriage, and that all Contracts relating thereto are too Solemn and Sacred to be either ſlightly entred into or diſſolved.

Q. Gentlemen, *A Friend of mine having the Misfortune of a Husband with ſo difficult a Humor that notwithſtanding ſhe has been his Wife for ſome Years, cannot yet find out his Temper, which ſhe wou'd willingly Oblige in all things, if in her Power; but that which pleaſes him at one time will not at another, and ſometimes he is inrag'd with a fit of Jealouſy, and ſometimes Complains of her Ill Management, which either of them he has the leaſt Reaſon of any Man in the World to Complain of. For if that wou'd Oblige him ſhe does not deſire to go out in any Company, or ſee any at Home but what he ſhould approve of, and in ſhort the whole Happineſs of her Life, Conſiſts in Obliging her Undeſerving Husband of her Love. If ſhe could by any means find out his Temper, he makes a good Husband, as vulgarly ſaying, for the main Chance. But Pray,* Gentlemen, *give your Opinion and Advice, how a Wife can find out ſuch a Man's Humor to Oblige him, and make herſelf and him Happy too, when his Diſpoſition is ſo very various, and you will much Oblige,*

Your Admirer and Humble Servant, C. S.

A. His various Humors Indicate him to be very Subject to the Spleen, for which ſhe ought to take a Phyſician's Advice. All that Philoſophy can Counſel in is, to continue her Patience, and to endeavor to the utmoſt to Humor him; even Diſtracted People have been reduc'd to Reaſon, by Humoring all their Fancies, and Feeding them, even to Satiety; all violent Methods will neither become her Duty or Modeſty, nor Promiſe Succeſs.

Q. Gentlemen, *A nigh Relation of mine having Orders from a Client to Recieve ſome Money for him from a Debtor, the Debtor delying the Payment from Time to Time; the Attorney Arreſted him he was Bailed and carried into a* Coffee-houſe, *where the ſaid Perſon Arreſted aroſe againſt the Attorney, ſtruck him down with his Fiſt, and with his Cane Beat him moſt Barbarouſly after he was down, and met him afterwards as they were carrying him Home and Beat him again in the Street, he has kept his Bed 6 Days.* Gentlemen, *I deſire you would Anſwer in your next, whether the Perſon Abuſed cannot take the Law of the Abuſer the Thing being Real, not Suppoſed.*

Yours, H. N.

A. If your Attorney knows not how to lay his Action in ſuch a Caſe, we think he deſerv'd to be Thraſh'd, we mean, ſuppoſing the Matter to be truly Stated to us.

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POEMS.

Q. APOLLO, *who with Facile Wit,*
Can Anſwers to all Queſtions Fit,
And Solve our Doubts, howe'er they be,
Lock'd up in deep Obſcurity;
To whom there's nothing comes amiſs,
Or's Difficult, Pray, Anſwer this.
In Print, *the World the* Poſt-Boy *calls,*
Which ſometimes Stings, and ſometimes Mauls:
We on the Eighth of th' Inſtant, find,
A Lady (not ſo well inclin'd)
Endeavors to engage a Party,
For Revolution-Maxims, *Hearty;*
Now ſay, if in your Pow'r it may be,
The Name *and* Birth *of this* GREAT LADY.

Q. To Publiſh *Names* our God Debars,
And all, but *Myſtic Characters*;
Which is ſufficient to the Wiſe,
Nor wou'd we open others Eyes.

SHE's one who in her ſelf diſcovers,
Tall merrits, ne'er diſcern'd by others;
Who never did a gen'rous Action,
But when it was to favour Fac——n;
Reliev'd *French Prophets*, who deſerve
A Rope, whilſt Honeſt Tradeſmen Starve;

Gifted

Gifted a *Prieſt*, who with Praiſe, Mock'd her,
Only becauſe H' abus'd a *Doctor*.

One of that Tow'ring Pride, like *Cæſar*,
There's no Superior Pow'r can pleaſe her,
Altho' no Greatneſs in her Soul,
Except *Aſſurance* to *Controul*;
All's *Ill* in Greatneſs, in her Flows,
But nothing of their *Virtues* knows.

A *Meteor* ſhe by *State* and *Birth*,
At firſt produc'd from *Common Earth*;
While upwards by degrees ſhe came,
At length ſhe Kindled to a *Flame*,
And now is ſuch a *Blaze* of Honor,
She *hurts all Eyes, which look upon her.*

Q. *At* Delphos *of Old,*
Strange Things were foretold,
By the Devil *your Fam'd Predeceſſor*;
Who by the Name of Apollo,
Many Thouſands did follow,
Like as now to your Godſhip *they Preſs, Sir,*

If Lover was Croſs'd,
Or Tankard was loſt,
Or Stragling Spoons lay Perdue, Sir;
If Swain was Forſworn
(Thing not to be Born)
For Advice *ſtrait to* Phœbus *they Flew, Sir.*

In theſe and more Caſes,
With Zeal in their Faces,
And Dreſs'd in their Roaſt-Meat Attire;
With Fob ſtor'd with Guineas,
The Biggotted Ninnies,
Trudg'd away to obtain their Deſire.

At length by Fate's *ſtroke,*
Your Friend Satan *broke,*
And ſhut up his Warehouſe (O ſad, Sir)
Since which 'tis Decreed,
That you ſhou'd Succeed,
In the Poſt th' Old Sophiſter had, Sir.

Now ſince you pretend,
In Reſponſes *well Penn'd,*
To give us from Doubts a Releaſe, Sir;
The Preciſe time advance,
When the Tyrant *of* France,
Will Sign our Conditions of PEACE, *Sir.*

A. Did ever yet Mortal,
Preſume to the Portal
Of Temple, to *Gods* conſecrated;
With bold Aſſurance,
That's paſt all indurance,
Or 'ith Queries ſo aukwardly ſtated?

To fancy (O fie Sir!
'Tis a confounded Lye, Sir)
Solutions our Oracle yields,
Like *Partridge* or *Moore*,
Or the ſly Wight of yore,
Who ply'd at the *Twins* in *Moorefields.*

That of Spoons you ſhou'd tell us,
Which ſtray'd from their Fellows,
Or Tankards, or *Guinea-Hens*, which, Sir,
Were Cackling for *Treading*,
By Stealth or by Wedding,
Or of Swains, the young Wenches bewitch, Sir.

Yet to prove how much we,
Above Scandal be,
And unmov'd by Sarcaſtical Fetches;
We'll Anſwers diſpenſe,
May ſuit with the Senſe,
And the Brains of ſuch groveling Wretches.

What we * before ſaid,
Might juſtly perſuade,
The Matter demanded we knew,
'Cauſe each thing that has,
Since then, come to paſs,
Our *Oracle* plainly foreſhew.

But what you now ask,
Tho' the eaſieſt Task,
Muſt not be to Mortals reveal'd,
The *Gods* for their good,
(Tho' not underſtood)
Such Secrets have always conceal'd.

Cou'd Mankind foretell,
All Matters befell,
They wou'd all endeavours forbear,
And lazily wait,
Th'Event of their *Fate*,
On *Providence* caſting their Care.

Thoſe Men with ſucceſs,
Thoſe *Pow'rs* never bleſs,
But ſuch who are ſtill on their Guard,
To aid their own Fortune,
When *Heav'n* they importune,
Their Labours are crown'd with Reward.

Yet this underſtand,
A PEACE is at hand,
But the Critical Moment preciſely,
We ſhall not point out,
For ſolving your Doubt,
That it may with more Pleaſure ſurprize ye.

* *See* Numb. 60, *and* 64.

SIR,

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THE Letters from *Lucern*, Auguſt 24. Adviſe that the Marſhal d'Uxelles is expected there the beginnig of next Month, as Extraordinary Ambaſſador from the French Court, to Negociate for 20000 Men with the Cantons according to the Old Alliance for the Service of the King his Maſter. They Write from the Frontiers of Dauphine that the Dnke of Berwick caus'd a great Number of his Troops to deſceud the Var in order to cover Antibes, upon advice that Genera! Count Daun is retvrning with his Army to the ſide of Coni, to go by the Col d' Tende and attempt the Siege of Monaco and Villa-Franca; That the laſt *Advices* from Turin bring that the Duke of Savoy grows daily better in Health. The *Advices* from Francfort, Sept. 3. *Are* that the Baron Stalenheim who arriv'd there on Saturday from the Court of Vienna, where he has been Envoy from the King of Sweden, parted this Morning by Poſt to go to take Poſſeſſion of Deux Ponts, where great Preparations are made for his Reception; That there is ſent from thence for Philipsburg a great quantity of Oats for the Magazine of that Place, and a great deal is ulſo ſent into Franconia. That the laſt *Advices* from Nanci bring, that the Dutcheſs of Lorrain, who was lately brought to Bed Died a few Days ſince.

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Which is all from Yours, *&c.*

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